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SOURCE

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1. On 29 March 1952, a train carrying 69 new Soviet-made 3-ton trucks came from Bad Kleinen and proceeded toward Guestron (N 54/T 95).
2. Between 1 and 3 April, a committee of three general was billeted in the Artillerie Kaserne, Perleberg (N 54/T 70). According to an interpreter, they were from Moscow.
3. Prior to 3 April, no large units of troops departed from the Artillerie Kaserne, Prenzlau. Soviet soldiers, however, expected to leave before 15 April. (1)
4. Prior to 3 April, no large troop shipments arrived at the Templin (N 54/U 51) troop training area. A temporary end loading was constructed at the Vogelsang railroad station. According to a railroadman, it had been made by soldiers with tank insignia from Ebersalde in three hours. (2)
5. Between 2 and 5:30 p.m. on 6 April, loading and unloading practices with 4 T-34 tanks, 6 trucks on the [redacted], 4 caterpillar tractors and 1 field kitchen were performed at the Oranienburg (N 53/W 65) freight yard. (3) 25X1
6. At 2:45 p.m. on 7 April, a troop train headed north stood at the Zossen freight yard. The train carried soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and signal insignia, 8 AA guns, 1 generator and 10 trucks [redacted] 25X1
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7. On 10 April, 30 pigs and several cows were slaughtered at Wittstock (N 54/U 11). The meat was for troops at the Schweinrich training area who were to arrive on the following days.
8. The occupation of the Schweinrich training area started on 10 April.
9. On 12 April, source learned in conversation that the unloading of 30 troop trains was scheduled in the Wittstock area and had to be terminated until 18 April. (5)

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☐ Comments.

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- (1) The report supports previous assumptions based on available information. ☐ 25X1

- (2) The construction of an end loading ramp is indicative of imminent occupation of the Templin troop training grounds. The observations at the same time confirm that only minor troop contingents practiced there until 2 April 1952. ☐

- (3) The troops practicing at the Granienburg freight yard belonged to a component of the 25th Tank Div. 25X1

- (4) The troop train mentioned in paragraph 6 carried an unidentified AAA unit from Parchim. The train which went to the Brand airfield was previously observed by several other sources. ☐

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- (5) All sources reported that the occupation of the Schweinrich troop training grounds started on 10 April 1952. This date coincides with the date the Letzling Heath training area began to be occupied. ☐ 25X1

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